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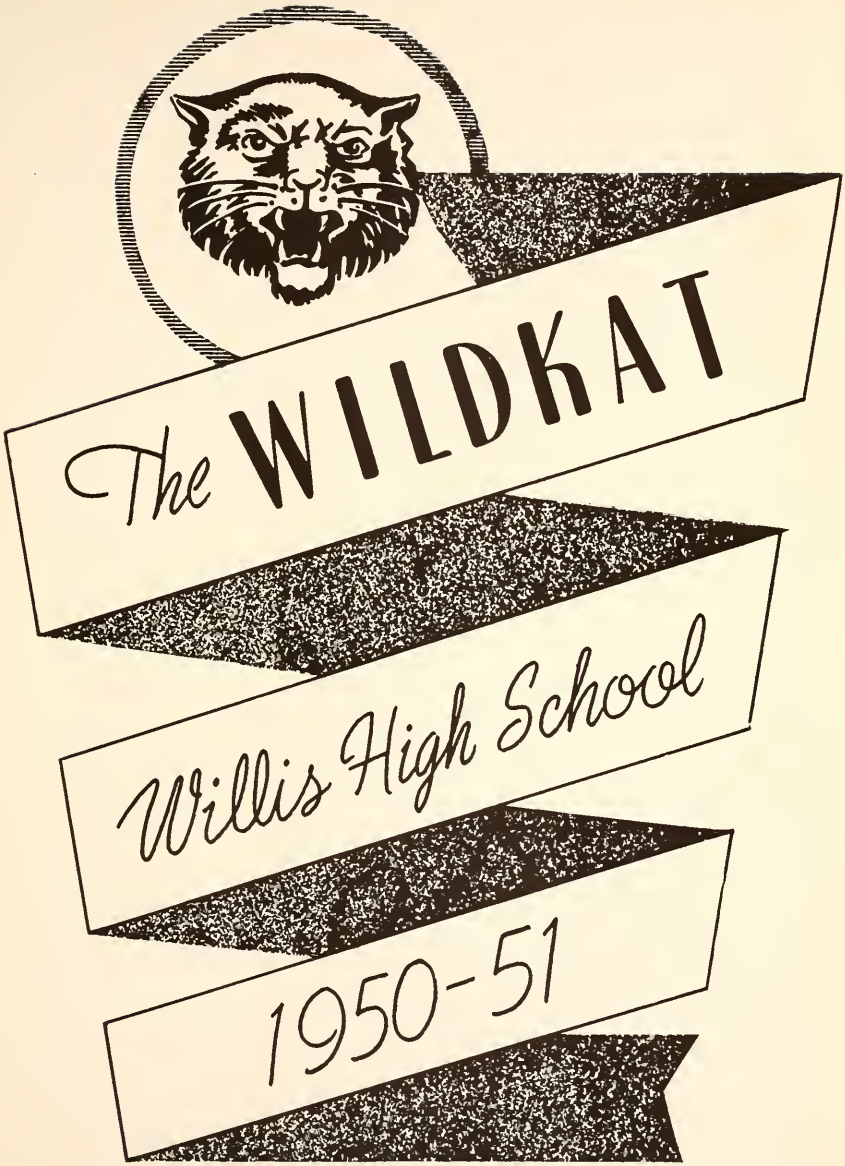
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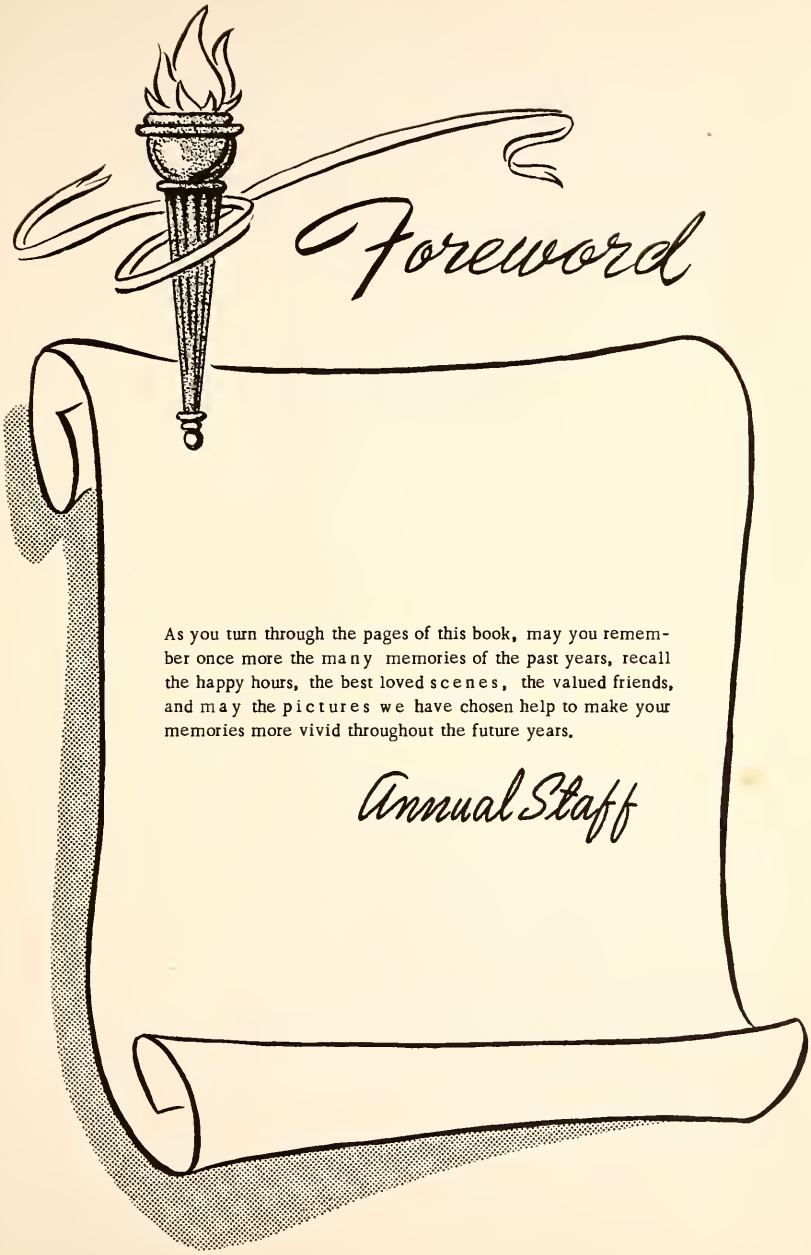
Willis High School
1950-51



Foreword

As you turn through the pages of this book, may you remember once more the many memories of the past years, recall the happy hours, the best loved scenes, the valued friends, and may the pictures we have chosen help to make your memories more vivid throughout the future years.

Annual Staff

Mrs. I. J. Roark, the beloved principal of the Willis Elementary school and the sympathetic understanding friend of all the boys and girls of the Willis schools, passed away January 15, 1951. We dedicate to her this annual which stands as a monument to her memory, she who made it possible for visible expressions of a successful school. Her spiritual influences encompassed the activities of all those whose lives she touched: She shared the joy and strength of her own faith in all good.

One of her favorite poems expresses her way of life.

I shall pass through this way but once.
Any good therefore that I can do or any
kindness that I can show to any human
being, let me do it now.
Let me not defer or neglect it,
For I shall not pass this way again.

Superintendent's Message

Dear Students:

May I congratulate you and your sponsor at this time for a job well done in the publication of this, our fifth, annual.

As you continue your education here in our school, or in later years, whether in business or institutions of higher learning, may you ever be mindful of the fact that Education is vital to peace. We have studies that show the more Education an individual has, the greater is the likelihood that he will not become a radical and will endeavor to uphold the true principles of Democracy. Never, in the History of mankind, has our way of like faced a greater challenge. May we help meet this challenge by doing all we can to learn and help others to know more about the principles and ideals upheld by a Democracy. Eisenhower has said that "To neglect our school system would be a crime against the future."

Sincerely,

C. C. Hardy

Faculty

LUTHER HALL
Principal

MRS. NANCY HALL
History

ERNEST WITT
English

MRS. SALLY TURNER
Mathematics

EDGAR FOSTER
Agriculture

MRS. NELL VADEN
Home Economics

MRS. MARGIE HARDY
Commercial

KARL HARDY
Coach

MRS. LOIS HARDY
Music

Seniors

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President

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Secretary

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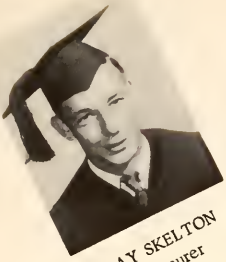
MERLE ELLISOR

DORIS GREER

BERNICE GUNTER



RAY SKELTON
Treasurer

BILLY JOE BILNOSKI
Reporter

GARY KELLUM

BETTY JEAN KNIGHT

DON LAWSON

LILA McKAY

Lila McKay

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ILENE PARKER

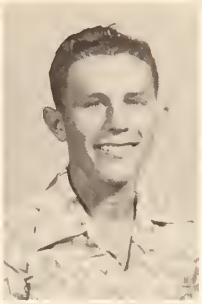
VIRGINIA VINIARSKI

Virginia

KATHRYN WALDING

Juniors

JUNIORS



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BLANTON
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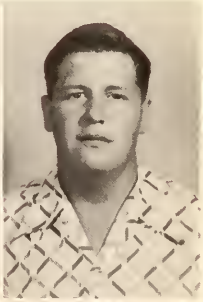

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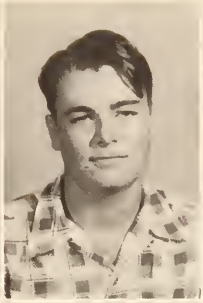
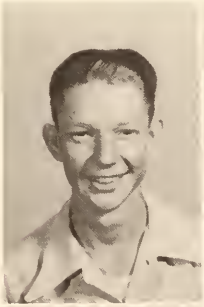


ELLISOR
GROCE
HARDY

HILTON
IVY
KING

PEGODA
STEVENS
SURRATT



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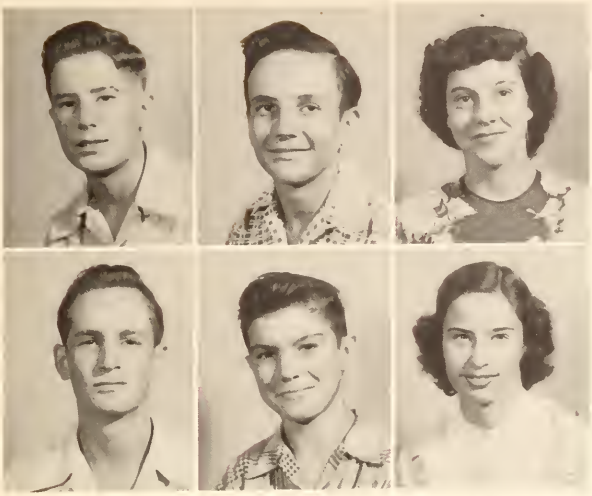
Sophomores

SOPHOMORES



Elam
Hyman
Wise

Walker
Peacock
Scott

Adamick
Auld
Rose

Cargill
Dyer
Ellis

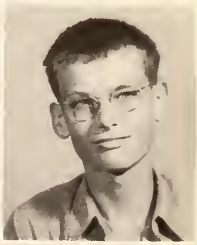
Fountain
Goosby
Greer

SOPHOMORES

Groce
Guy
Hales

Hardy
Holder
Lawson

Martinez
Scott
Steitz

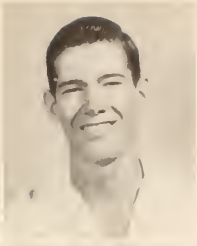


Vaught
Walding
Weatherby

Pictures Not Shown:
Don Gunter
James Hall
Joyce Beyecny
L. J. Goosby
Milton Goolsby

Freshmen

FRESHMEN



CLASS OFFICERS

Foster
Red
Busby

Roach
Jenkins
Bilnoski

Collier
Conklin
Davis

Davis
Goodney
J. Hales

R. Hales
Hazel
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Morrow
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Novark
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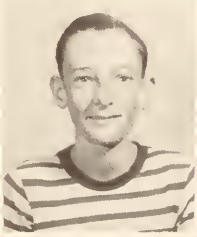
Perry

Spillar
Swiech
Wagner



Elementary

EIGHTH GRADE MRS. ROARK

SEVENTH GRADE MRS. FOSTER

SIXTH GRADE MRS. PARKER

FIFTH GRADE MRS. McNATT

FOURTH GRADE MRS. GOFF

THIRD GRADE

MISS WOODS

SECOND GRADE

MRS. CARGILL

FIRST GRADE

SHACKELFORD AND DAUGHTREY

Favorites

BEAUTIFUL

MARY ANN BILNOSKI

Song--"Climbing Jacob's Ladder"
Ambition--Nurse
Hobby--Reading
Subject--English
Sport--Baseball
Hair--Brown
Eyes--Brown
Height--5'1/2"

HANDSOME

CARL KLEIMANN

Song--"Give a Little"
Hobby--Fishing
Subject--English
Sport--Football
Hair--Brown
Eyes--Blue
Height--5'7"

MOST POPULAR

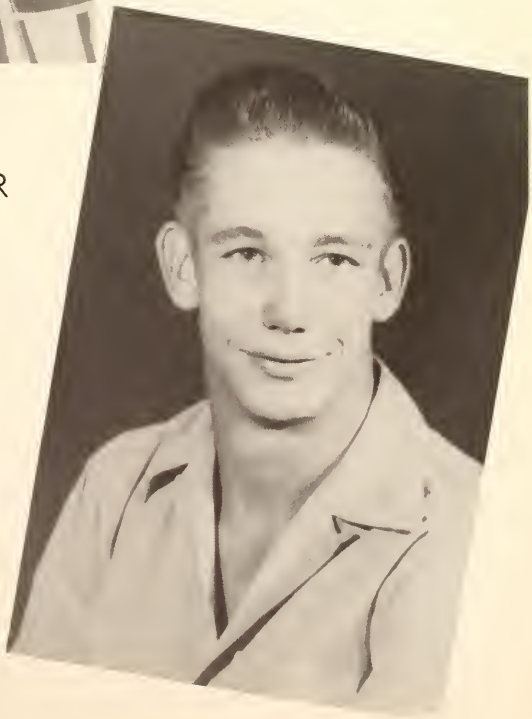
SHIRLEY WISE

Song--"Fairest Lord Jesus"
Ambition--Teacher
Hobby--Drawing
Subject--English
Sport--Baseball
Hair--Brown
Eyes--Brown
Height--5'2"

MOST POPULAR

RAY SKELTON

Song--"Just As You Are"
Hobby--Hunting and Fishing
Subject--Typing
Sport--Football
Hair--Brown
Eyes--Green
Height--5'5"



BEST ALL ROUND

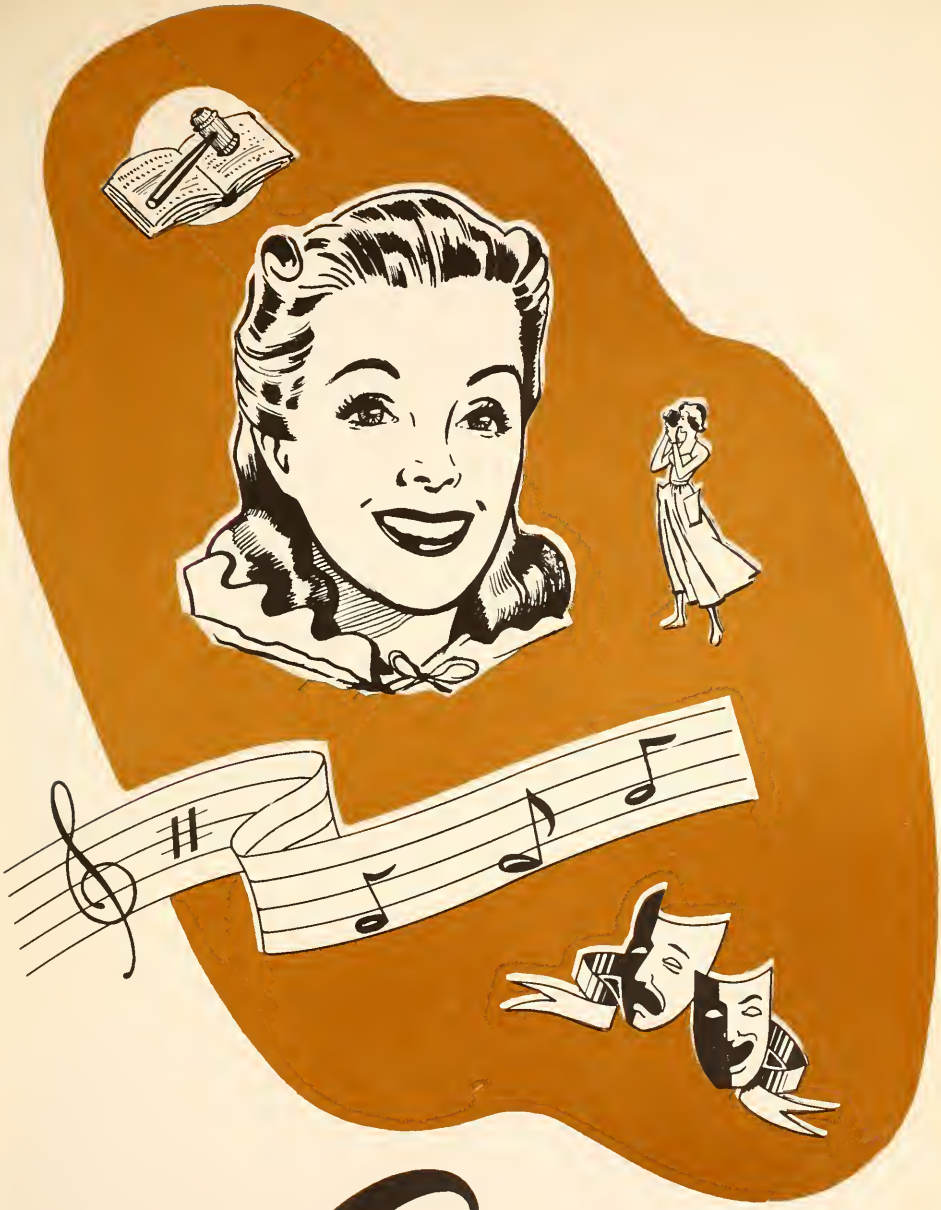
DONNA JEAN DEAN

Song--"Harbor Lights"
Ambition--Secretary
Hobby--Dancing
Subject--Algebra
Sport--Football
Hair--Brown
Eyes--Green
Height--5'4 1/2"

BEST ALL ROUND

JOE DAN McGILL

Song--"Hotrod Race"
Hobby--Football
Subject--English
Sport--Basketball
Hair--Brown
Eyes--Green
Height--6'



Activities

FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA

OFFICERS OF 1950-51

President - - - - - - - - - - - - - JACKIE BUCHANAN
Vice-President - - - - - - - - - - - BERNICE GUNTER
Secretary - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - JEAN BUSBY
Reporter - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - SHIRLEY WISE
Parliamentarian - - - - - - - - - - - DORTHA KING
Song Leader - - - - - - - - - - - - WANDA STEVENS
Historian - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - MELBA SCOTT

Sweetheart - - - - - - - - - - - - - JOE DAN McGILL

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

OFFICERS FOR 1950-51

President - - - - - - - - - - - - - - JOE DAN McGILL
Vice-President - - - - - - - - - - BILLY J. BILNOSKI
Secretary - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - EUGENE DEAN
Treasurer - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - MEYER WITT
Reporter - - - - - - - - - - - - - JOHNNIE MARTINEZ

Sweetheart - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - SHIRLEY WISE

ORCHESTRA

GLEE CLUB

THE WILDKAT STAFF

STUDENT COUNCIL

Athletics

FOOTBALL TEAM

The Willis Wildkat Six-man team won the runner-up title in District 17B this year. The team had its best season since 1946. They won eight games while losing only one. They scored 271 points to their opponents 106.

OPPONENTS		WILLIS
New Waverly	6	34
Cold Springs	20	6
Shepherd	12	42
New Caney	0	21
Friendswood	19	20
Tarkington	6	19
Goodrich	23	25
Splendora	13	61
New Waverly	7	42

Captain

JOE McGILL

SWEETHEART

Co-Captain

RAY SKELTON

The Wildkats of Willis High School elected Sue Blanton as their sweetheart this year. Sue is 5'6" tall and has brown hair and eyes. Her favorite sport is football and she served this year as head yell leader of the Pep Squad.

MAIN SQUAD 50-51

WILDKAT ROOTERS

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They fight, They bite, They scratch like sin
Look out opponents---We're out to win

THE SQUAD

GARY KELLUM

MERLE ELLISOR

JOHN HENRY FOSTER

TOMMY JOE PARSLEY

JERRY BUSBY

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CARL KLEIMANN

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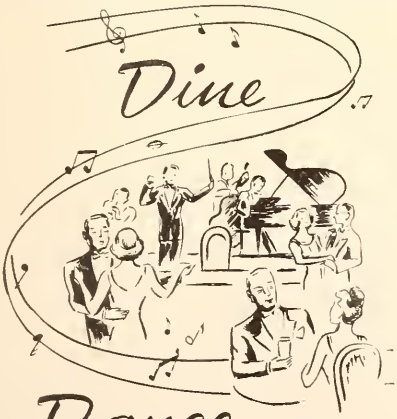

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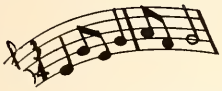

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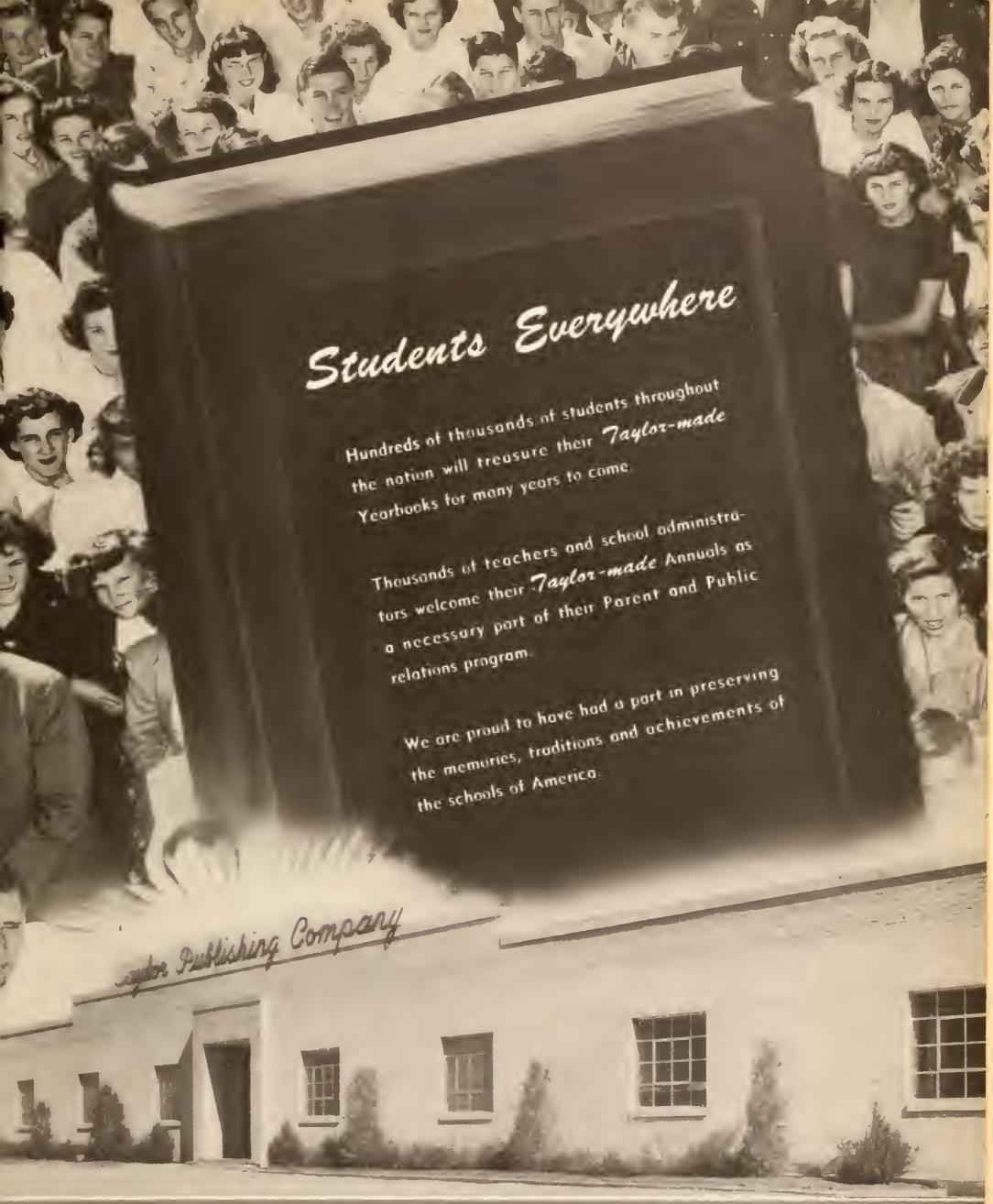

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Mrs Hall,

I'm glad to know that you wanted me to write in your book. I have sincerely enjoyed being one of your History students and maybe it will be possible for be to take something under you again next year.

A friend as well as one of your students. (I hope)

Lovingly,
Sue Blanton

Mrs. Hall,
I have enjoyed very
much your Bible Class
I appreciate me, and I have
done for me, on with you
hope and carrying and I have
joking teacher and I have
a wonderful

Mrs. Hall,
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much your Bible Class
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a wonderful teacher and I have
Your Always,
Lila
Your sons girlfriend.

Dear Mrs Hall,

It has really been a pleasure knowing you. I really enjoy being in your class. You are one of my favorite teachers. Will miss you next year. (If I graduate)

Always a Friend
Love,
Virginia Viniarski

Dear Mrs. Hall:
It has been a pleasure to have known you this year. I have enjoyed everything about it and will regret not being here next year. I feel like you are one of us girls because you always took part in a P.E.
Sincerely
Donna Jean Cean